



COMMUNITY AND POLICE RELATIONS COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Chairperson Lesley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners:

Marianne Delatorre

Zachary Gomez

Michael Lesley

Emiliano Nunez

Daniel Orth

Andy Sanchez

M. Christine Stein

Daniel Long

City Staff:

Charles Bell Jr., City Attorney's Office

Lauren Maxilom, City Manager's Office

Sergeant Omar Ramirez, National City Police Department

Chief Jose Tellez, National City Police Department

Tony Winney, Assistant City Manager

EXCUSED ABSENCES

N/A

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Commission approved the minutes for the meeting of February 18, 2021 (Orth/Gomez - unanimous). Commissioner Stein was not present for the vote.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission received one email for non-agenda public comment that was read into the record. The email was submitted by Joan Rincon.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Non-Action Item I - Introduction of Commissioners Nunez and Sanchez.

Non-Action Item II - Presentation by the Museum of Tolerance.

Non-Action Item III - Presentation by National City Police Lt. Sullivan on Officer Training.

Non Action Item IV - National City Police Department (NCPD) Compliance with SB54: California Values Act.

Non Action Item V - Memo from National City Police Chief Tellez to the CPRC regarding low rider events.

Assistant City Manager provided an update on the City Council's Ad-hoc committee after Chief Tellez reviewed his memo to the Commission.

The Commission received two emails for this item that were read into the record. The emails were submitted by Alberto Pulido and Jovita Juarez. 9 individuals registered to speak for this

item: Jovita Arellano, Marisa Rosales, Henry Joiner, Aida Castaneda, Sofia Torel, Olga Espinoza, Xavier the X-man, Lena Razo, Jose Luis Perez.

Motion to place Dr. Pulido on the August agenda to provide his prepared presentation on the history of low-riding (Delatorre/Gomez; motion passes with a majority vote and Commissioners Lesley and Orth abstaining)

Delatorre – yes
Gomez – yes
Lesley – abstain
Nunez-yes
Orth – abstain
Sanchez- yes
Stein - yes

Motion to extend the meeting time by 1 hour from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
(Lesley/Gomez – unanimous)

Non Action Item VI - Update from the Operating Procedures and Bylaws Subcommittee
Subcommittee members Commission Gomez and Orth will provide their edits during the next regularly scheduled meeting for consideration.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item I - Consideration and appointment to the Complaint Review Subcommittee
(primary)

Motion to appoint Commissioner Gomez as the primary to the Complaint Review Subcommittee. (Lesley/Delatorre – unanimous).

Action Item II - Consideration and appointment to the Complaint Review Subcommittee
(alternate)

Motion to appoint Commissioner Orth as the alternate to the Complaint Review Subcommittee. (Lesley/Delatorre – unanimous). Commissioner Gomez was not present for the vote.

Action Item III - Consideration of Chairperson Lesley’s 2020 Annual Report to City Council
Motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report (Orth/Stein – unanimous) Commissioner Gomez was not present for the vote.

Action Item IV - Consideration on future presentations

- Addressing community tension with the police – Low Priority
- Cannabis - August
- De-escalation and Diversity training for the commissioners- Ongoing
- Use of Force policy- February
 - Ways NCPD has interacted with the community to improve their relationship.
This includes daily interactions, resource navigation, and overall strategies.)

Motion to approve the list and priority level of proposed future presentations:

*Listed from high to low priority

1) Cannabis

- Police interactions and input regarding the new ordinance
- Calls for service statistics in distress from marijuana/cannabis use
- Arrest statistics for possession or sales of marijuana/cannabis (adults vs. minors arrested)

2) Use of Force & Annual Crime Statistics

- Review departmental policy
- Review and discuss types of use of force/ tactics used
- Status of Use of Force community workshop
- Annual Crime Statistics

3) De-escalation and Diversity training for the commissioners

4) Addressing community tension with police

(Orth/Stein – unanimous)

Motion to add to schedule a special meeting of workshop for City Staff to review the Operating Procedures & Ordinance (Gomez- motion died for a lack of second).

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Government Code Section 54957(e)

City Attorney Bell provided the report out of closed session. The Commissioner heard 4 matters in closed session, unanimously supported the findings of 2 of the cases and supported the other 2 cases by a 7 in support with 1 abstention.

CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Reminder of Brown Act and Social Media Training scheduled for May 26, 2021. City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day and our Veterans and Military Families Advisory Committee is hosting an event which will be on Facebook Live for the community to participate.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments requiring action were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m. (Orth/Delatorre- unanimous).

The next Regular Meeting of the CPRC is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Accepted by:

Lauren Maxilom, City Staff

Mike Lesley, Chair